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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In January, 2003, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **four (4) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety**. You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 4 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ Pace Products, Inc. is recalling Children's Soap Making Kits. #03-067
- ❖ Build-A-Bear Workshop is recalling "Founding Bear" Stuffed Bears. #03-070
- ❖ Hufco-Delaware Company and Evenflo Company Inc. are recalling Gerry® and Evenflo® Portable Wood Cribs for Repair. #03-074
- ❖ CPSC is recalling Baseline Design Beanbag Chairs. #03-076

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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**Release Number:** 03-067 Pace Products Inc., of Apopka, Fla., is voluntarily recalling about 145,000 children's soap making kits. The soap kits were sold under the name 'Soap Making for Kids.' The kits include a plastic mold tray, three bars of glycerine, string and an instruction book. "SCHOLASTIC INC." and "Made in U.S.A." are printed on the back of the soap kit box. Scholastic Book Clubs and Book Fairs sold the recalled soap kits at schools nationwide from March 2000 through November 2002 and bookstores sold the recalled soap kits from March 1998 through November 2002 for about \$8.

**Problem:** The soap may get too hot when heated in the microwave oven and leak from the tray mold posing a burn hazard to children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these soap kits away from children immediately and contact Pace Products at (800) 541-7670 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday to receive instructions on returning the soap kits for a refund. Consumers also can visit the firm's web site at [www.paceplace.com](http://www.paceplace.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03067.html>

**Release Number:** 03-070 Build-A-Bear Workshop, of St. Louis, Mo., is recalling about 80,000 "Founding Bear" stuffed bears. The recall includes the "Founding Bear," and the "Founding Bear II." The "Founding Bear" is about 19-inches long, and the "Founding Bear II" is about 18-inches long. Both stuffed bears are chocolate brown and have cream-colored paws and snout. "OUR FOUNDING BEAR" is written on a cardboard tag that was originally attached to the bear's ear. Build-A-Bear Workshop stores and web site sold these stuffed bears nationwide between March 2000 and December 2002 for between \$22 and \$25.

**Problem:** The nose of the stuffed bear can be pulled or twisted off, posing a choking hazard to a young child.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these stuffed bears away from young children immediately. Build-A-Bear Workshop will exchange the bear for any other item they sell of equal value or provide a Build-A-Bear Workshop gift card. Consumers should return the stuffed bears to any Build-A-Bear Workshop store or contact the firm for instructions on mailing the bear. For more information, call Build-A-Bear Workshop toll-free at (866) 236- 5683 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's web site at [www.buildabear.com](http://www.buildabear.com)



Founding Bear      Founding Bear II

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03070.html>

**Release Number:** 03-074 Hufco-Delaware Company, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Evenflo Company Inc., of Vandalia, Ohio, are recalling about 364,000 portable wood cribs. The portable cribs are made of wood and are smaller than traditional baby cribs. The majority of these portable wood cribs were sold under the Gerry® brand name, and some were sold under the Evenflo® brand name. The recalled portable wood cribs have one of the following model numbers that can be found on a label on the mattress platform underneath the mattress: 8212, 8222, 8232, 8242, 8252, 8282, 8301, 8302, 8311, 8312, 8321, 8322, 8331, 8332, 8341, 8342, 8351, 8352, 8381, 8382, 8512, 8522, 8532, 8542, 8552, 8582, 8712, 8752. Department and baby products stores nationwide sold these portable wood cribs from January 1991 through December 2002 for about \$99. No other cribs are included in this recall.

**Problem:** If the hardware used to assemble the crib is not tight, the mattress support platform and mattress can fall to the floor. This poses a risk of injury to young children in the crib.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using these portable wood cribs immediately, and call (800) 582-9359 anytime for a free upgrade kit that provides additional support for the mattress platform. Consumers also can obtain further information about the portable wood cribs by logging onto [www.evenflo.com](http://www.evenflo.com) (eventually this link will also be at [www.portablewoodcrib.com](http://www.portablewoodcrib.com)).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03074.html>

**Release Number:** 03-076 The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is recalling about 30,000 beanbag chairs manufactured in 1999 by Baseline Design, of Linwood, Pa. The recalled beanbag chairs are designed with 12-inch double zippers and have various designs, including a smiley face, a football- shape, a baseball-shape, a basketball-shape and solid green, yellow, pink and blue neon colors. The beanbags have a tag that states, in part, "Made by Baseline Design." Wal-Mart stores located in the Northeast U.S. sold the beanbag chairs from September 1999 through December 1999 for about \$30.

**Problem:** Some of these beanbag chairs have zippers that can be opened, allowing access to the polystyrene beads inside the chairs. This poses a suffocation hazard to young children who can unzip the chair and inhale the small beads.

**What to do:** Consumers should check if they can unzip their Baseline Design beanbag chairs. If the zippers can be unzipped freely, Baseline Design will provide owners with a free replacement beanbag chair with zippers that do not open. Consumers should be sure young children cannot use the chairs if the zipper can be opened freely and should be sure children are not exposed to the beads inside the chair. For more information and instructions,

consumers should call Baseline Design at (800) 497-3626, Ext. 3046, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at [www.foamex.com](http://www.foamex.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03076.html>

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